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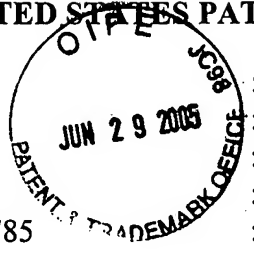
In re Application of

Makoto KIDARA

Application No.: 10/694,785

Filed: October 29, 2003

For: CIRCUIT SIMULATION FOR A CIRCUIT INCLUDING TRANSISTORS



Customer Number: 20277

Confirmation Number: 6058

Group Art Unit: 2825

Examiner: Yelena Rossoshek

STATUS INQUIRY

Mail Stop Status Inquiry
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on October 29, 2003. Since more than one and one-half years have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before January 21, 2004 in the above-assigned group art unit should have received an action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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